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may. Senator Lamb, you were the author of this particular rule that we are dealing with right now. Did you go through the Rules Committee on that?

SENATOR LAMB: No, I didn't have to because it was such a good change that everybody agreed, and it came right across without much opposition, as I remember. We are not in that situation today.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Lamb. I think that answer suggests to you that Senator Lamb is being totally hypocritical this morning in the sense that he got this rule change made in the exact same manner that we are doing it this morning. I think that what he is suggesting to you is contrary to all rules, to all traditions of the Legislature. In this situation, since I've been in the Legislature, and for as long as anybody here can remember, we have done it on a 25 vote basis. It has not had to go through the Rules Committee at the beginning of the session. So I just want to point out to you what is happening in this particular instance and urge you not to adopt this particular motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I think I'm going to agree with Senator Beutler that at this point, this being the beginning of the two-year session, we do change the rules on a 25 vote basis. I'm not trying to alter that at all. I guess that's been the way we've done it in the past. I still object to the fact that he wants to change it so we do this in the middle of...midstream, so I'm going to withdraw this motion. But I just urge people to vote against the change that Senator Beutler and Senator Morehead are offering this morning.

PRESIDENT: The Lamb motion is withdrawn. Senator Beutler, have you closed? Do you want to say anything further on your motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would just like to make a couple of comments, if I may, Mr. President. First of all, to restate the issue so those of you who perhaps were not here at the beginning of the debate understand, the motion is to change the rule that requires the adoption of permanent rules once every two years to the requirement that they be adopted for one year only. The purpose, again, is so at the beginning